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1st Inventor: ITOH, Fumio
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Election of Claims

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute claims of Group I in the present application.

Provisional election of the species related to the species of Example 38 (found for example, beginning at page 209 of the specification) is also made.

Applicants make the election with traverse. The compounds of the identified group I and methods of making, starting materials and inhibiting enzymes identified as groups V, VI and VII are sufficiently related so as not to unduly burden the Examiner in making a search.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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